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Idaho Milk Production Down 2.3 Percent

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Idaho milk production during September 2009 totaled 1.01 billion pounds, a 2.3 percent decrease from the same month last year and 4.8 percent below August 2009. August 2009 milk production was 1.06 billion pounds, unchanged from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in September 2009 was 1,850 pounds, down 20 pounds from September 2008. The average number of milk cows during September was 547,000 head, down 1,000 head from the revised August 2009 and down 7,000 head from September 2008.

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 13.9 billion pounds, down 0.7 percent from September 2008. August revised production at 14.6 billion pounds, was down 0.1 percent from August 2008. The August revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,672 pounds for September, 22 pounds above September 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.34 million head, 168,000 head less than September 2008, and 32,000 head less than August 2009.

Milk Production Average Number of Cows, Selected States, September 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	185	167	1,710	1,690	316	282	-10.8
California	1,845	1,772	1,775	1,730	3,275	3,066	-6.4
Colorado	130	119	1,850	1,880	241	224	-7.1
Florida	120	114	1,160	1,200	139	137	-1.4
Idaho	554	547	1,870	1,850	1,036	1,012	-2.3
Illinois	102	102	1,425	1,480	145	151	4.1
Indiana	166	168	1,550	1,620	257	272	5.8
Iowa	215	215	1,630	1,630	350	350	
Kansas	117	114	1,665	1,675	195	191	-2.1
Michigan	352	356	1,790	1,835	630	653	3.7
Minnesota	465	469	1,490	1,535	693	720	3.9
Missouri	111	105	1,100	1,110	122	117	-4.1
New Mexico	336	318	1,880	1,980	632	630	-0.3
New York	626	617	1,590	1,590	995	981	-1.4
Ohio	279	278	1,450	1,520	405	423	4.4
Oregon	115	114	1,590	1,605	183	183	
Pennsylvania	548	542	1,530	1,560	838	846	1.0
Texas	425	416	1,550	1,660	659	691	4.9
Utah	85	83	1,740	1,760	148	146	-1.4
Vermont	139	134	1,470	1,485	204	199	-2.5
Virginia	97	96	1,360	1,395	132	134	1.5
Washington	245	238	1,900	1,930	466	459	-1.5
Wisconsin	1,253	1,258	1,580	1,655	1,980	2,082	5.2
23 State Total	8,510	8,342	1,650	1,672	14,041	13,949	-0.7

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Idaho September Red Meat Production Down 4 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for September 2009 totaled 19.5 million pounds, down 4 percent from September of last year. September production was up 7 percent from August 2009 production. Accumulated red meat production for the January-September 2009 period totaled 171.9 million pounds, up slightly from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.26 billion pounds in September, down slightly from the 4.27 billion pounds produced in September 2008. Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.81 million head, down 3 percent from September 2008. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,311 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.7 million pounds, 8 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 81,200 head, down 7 percent from September 2008. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 244 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.00 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.94 million head, down slightly from September 2008. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 270 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.8 million pounds, was up 2 percent from September 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 225,400 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, up 1 pound from September a year ago.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	September 2008	August 2009	September 2009	September 2009 As Percent of ^{2/}	
				September 2008	August 2009
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	136.0	137.4	140.1	103	102
Colorado	177.8	176.8	173.3	97	98
Idaho	20.2	18.3	19.5	96	107
Illinois	261.7	236.1	248.2	95	105
Iowa	596.5	586.1	615.5	103	105
Kansas	452.8	450.6	454.6	100	101
Minnesota	223.1	212.4	228.5	102	108
Montana	1.2	1.4	1.3	108	93
Nebraska	642.8	593.6	628.5	98	106
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	101	83
Oklahoma	93.0	89.6	97.5	105	109
Oregon	5.1	4.9	4.9	96	100
South Dakota	85.0	75.4	78.6	92	104
Texas	433.9	430.7	428.7	99	100
Utah	46.3	36.1	33.4	72	92
Washington	73.2	66.6	73.1	100	110
Wyoming	0.5	0.9	0.5	99	59
United States	4,272.9	4,076.6	4,261.8	100	105

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States ^{1/}

Type	Sep 2008	Aug 2009	Sep 2009	Sept 09 As Percent of	
				Sep 2008	Aug 2009
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,269.9	2,184.2	2,234.0	98	102
Veal	12.8	10.6	11.7	92	111
Pork	1,975.8	1,868.4	2,001.3	101	107
Lamb & Mutton	14.5	13.3	14.8	102	111
Total Red Meat ^{2/}	4,272.9	4,076.6	4,261.8	100	105

1 Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2 Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 5 Percent from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on October 1, 2009 totaled 205,000 head. The cattle on feed inventory was up 5 percent from previous month and October 1, 2008. Placements of cattle in feedlots in Idaho with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 53,000 head, down 4,000 head from September 2008 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during September totaled 42,000 head, up 1,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 during September 2009.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent above October 1, 2008. The inventory included 6.42 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.01 million head, up 4 percent from 2008. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.39 million, 5 percent above 2008. Net placements were 2.34 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 490,000, 600-699 pounds were 450,000, 700-799 pounds were 593,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 855,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.75 million, 4 percent below 2008. This is the third lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 47,000 during September, 8 percent below 2008.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States 2008-2009 ^{1/}

State	October 1, 2008	September 1, 2009	October 1, 2009		
			Number	As % of 2008	As % of Sept.
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
Arizona	360	275	275	76	100
California	505	455	465	92	102
Colorado	870	860	960	110	112
Idaho	195	195	205	105	105
Iowa	475	510	520	109	102
Kansas	2,160	2,050	2,220	103	108
Nebraska	2,110	2,020	2,170	103	107
Oklahoma	315	325	355	113	109
South Dakota	175	185	195	111	105
Texas	2,590	*2,530	2,600	100	103
Washington	157	140	147	94	105
Other States	330	*334	362	(X)	108
United States	10,415	*9,879	10,474	101	106

*Revised. 1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. (X) Comparison to 2008 is not applicable.

Cold Storage Stocks

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on September 30, 2009, totaled 929 million pounds, an increase of 3 percent from August 31, 2009 and slightly up from September 30, 2008. Other frozen potatoes, at 195 million pounds, increased 1 percent from August 31, 2009, but decreased 23 percent from September 30, 2008.

United States' stocks of butter on September 30, 2009, totaled 230 million pounds, down 11 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 23 percent from September 30, 2008. Stocks of American cheese totaled 607 million pounds, down 2 percent from August 31, 2009, but up 10 percent from September 30, 2008.

Commodity	Sept. 30, 2008	Aug. 31, 2009	Sept. 30, 2009	2009 2008
	1,000 Pounds			Percent
POTATOES				
French Fries	925,985	900,912	928,646	100
Other Frozen	254,818	193,926	195,471	77
Total	1,180,803	1,094,838	1,124,117	95
DAIRY PRODUCTS:				
Butter, Total	186,878	259,578	230,227	123
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	549,635	619,785	607,137	110

Idaho Dry Bean Production Up

Idaho dry bean production for 2009 is forecast to be 1.98 million cwt, up 35 percent from last year's 1.46 million cwt. Yields are expected to average 2,000 pounds per acre, an increase of 150 pounds per acre from 2008 and up 200 pounds from the August forecast. Harvested acreage is expected to total 99,000 acres, up 25 percent from last year's 79,000 acres harvested. Dry Bean estimates include garbanzo beans, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Production of alfalfa hay is estimated at 4.67 million tons, down 6 percent from 2008. Harvested acreage, at 1.14 million acres, is up 1 percent from last year's 1.13 million acres. Other hay production is estimated at 756,000 tons from 360,000 harvested acres, up from the 616,000 tons from 280,000 acres in 2008. Idaho sugarbeet production for 2009 is forecast to be 5.56 million tons, up 54 percent from the 3.62 million tons a year ago. Yield of 34.1 tons per acre is up from last year's 31.2 tons per acre. Harvested area of 163,000 acres is up from the 116,000 acres harvested in 2008. Corn planted for 2009 is estimated at 290,000 acres, down from 300,000 acres the previous year. Of the 290,000 acres planted, 80,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, unchanged from last year. Production of canola is expected to total 18.0 million pounds from 15,000 harvested acres.

U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 25.2 million cwt for 2009, up 3 percent from the August forecast but 2 percent below 2008. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.44 million acres, 3 percent above the August forecast but 1 percent below last year. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,754 pounds per acre, an increase of 4 pounds from the August forecast but 14 pounds below last year. Production of corn for grain is forecast at 13.0 billion bushels, 8 percent above 2008. Production of alfalfa hay is forecast at 72.0 million tons, up 3.4 percent from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 80.8 million tons, up 6 percent from 2008. U.S. sugarbeet production is forecast at 30.1 million tons, 1 percent below the September forecast but 15 percent above last year's production. Expected yield is forecast at a record high 26.8 tons per acre, down 0.2 ton from September but up 0.1 ton from 2008. Harvested area is expected to total 1.16 million acres, unchanged from last month but 15 percent above last year. Production of canola is forecast at 1.50 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2008. Harvested area is expected to total 807,500 acres, down 18 percent from 2008.

Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S. 2008-2009

	Area Harvested		Unit	Yield		Production		
	2008	2009		2008	2009	2008	2009	
IDAHO	Thousand Acres			Thousands				
	Alfalfa Hay	1,130.0	1,140.0	Tons	4.40	4.10	4,972	4,674
	Other Hay	280.0	360.0	Tons	2.20	2.10	616	756
	Sugarbeets	116.0	163.0	Tons	31.2	34.1	3,619	5,558
	Canola	21.5	15.0	Pounds	1,350	1,200	29,025	18,000
	Dry Beans ^{1/2/}	79.0	99.0	Pounds	1,850	2,000	1,462	1,980
	UNITED STATES							
Alfalfa Hay	20,980.0	20,982.0	Tons	3.32	3.43	69,620	71,977	
Other Hay	39,082.0	39,195.0	Tons	1.95	2.06	76,052	80,752	
Sugarbeets	1,004.6	1,158.5	Tons	26.7	26.8	26,837	30,993	
Canola	989.0	807.5	Pounds	1,461	1,861	1,445,064	1,502,820	
Dry Beans ^{1/2/}	1,445.2	1,435.0	Pounds	1,768	1,754	25,558	25,170	

1/ Yield in pounds, production in cwt. 2/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed; includes chickpeas.